Mr. Krishnasastri.—The Melkote hobli may be attached to the Krishnarajpete taluk as before.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 339.

Transfer of certain hoblis of T.-Narsipur to Nanjangud and Seringapatam or Malvalli.

Mr. Rangachar, T.-Narsipur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The construction of bridges across the Kapila and the Cauvery is being urged for many years and no orders have yet been passed. It is now prayed as an alternative that the villages to the south of the river be added on to the Nanjangud taluk and those to the north of it either to Malvalli or Seringapatam.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 340.

Agricultural and Industrial Museum.

Mr. M. Venkatakrishniah, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—A Museum may be opened in connection with the Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition and a suitable building given for it in the Government Woodyard.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 341.

Improvement of water-supply to Yedatore town.

Messrs. Devoji Rao, and Badam Achiya Setty, Yedatore taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The water-supply scheme which was completed at a great cost is not working satisfactorily as there is practically no water in the taps during the summer season. It is prayed that the scheme may be improved and house-connection given, charging the usual water rate.

Reply of Government.—The town itself has to be shifted. It is not desirable to incur any expenditure on the improvement of the water-supply in the present condition of the town.

SUBJECT No. 342.

Improvement of Seringapatam and Ganjam.

Messrs. B. Narasinga Rao, Seringapatam Municipality; Veene Rangasami Iyengar and K. Krishnachar, Seringapatam taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The sanitary improvement of these places of historical importance is being urged for the consideration of Government for many years. As suggested last year, the Government were pleased to depute the Chief Engineer and the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore to inspect the towns and submit suggestions for their improvements. The said officers accordingly made a detailed inspection of the towns. The memorandum submitted to Government by the Chief Enginee was lately placed before the Municipal Council for consideration. The first stage of the improvement consits in supplying water and closing old *Karanjies.* The initial cost of these works is estimated Rs. 75,000. The present state of the financial condition of the Municipality is such as is barely sufficient to meet the ordinary demands and it is impossible to meet any portion of the initial outlay. Even if the initial outlay is met by Government, it is not possible to meet the maintenance charges with the present and prospective Municipal Revenues unless they are substantially supplemented by other sources. Taking into consideration the importance of the towns from every point

of view and their long neglected condition, it is respectfully prayed—

(1) that the initial cost of water-supply scheme may be kindly borne by Government,

(2) that the land revenue derived within the Municipal limits may be kindly granted to the Municipality as it is the wet lands which have contributed to the unhealthiness of the towns.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 343.

Improvements to Melkote.

Mr. M. G. Shamaiengar, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—The Melkote town is in a decaying condition. It is now time for the Government to take necessary steps to remedy the present state of this famous place of sanctity. Plague has permanently set foot in the town and has carried away nearly one-half of the population up to date. It is prayed that Government may take this matter into their generous consideration. The improvements suggested by Mr. Bhore have not been tried for some reason or other. They may be reconsidered and the town permanently improved. Some office may be located there or it may be connected by a Railway.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 344.

Water-supply to Mysore City.

Mr. M. C. Rangaiengar, Mysore City Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—When the Mysore City water works were opened, there was a proposal to levy a water tax, but it was vetoed. Circumstances changed subsequently and the tax has now been imposed. On account of its importance as the capital of the State and the several festive occasions therein, the city is very largely visited by people. This fact does not seem to have been taken into consideration when the minimum free allowance was fixed. It is therefore prayed that (1) the minimum free allowance of water in the city may be raised from 3,000 to 5,000 gallons, (2) for the excess water consumed, the charge be reduced from 12 annas to 8 annas per 1,000 gallons, (3) the free allowance be calculated at 200 gallons for every rupee of rental value and (4) adjustments be effected by taking into consideration the total quantity consumed during a period of six months or one whole year.

Mr. A. Ramanna.—Electric power supplied for pumping water for drinking purposes, may be charged at a lower rate than that at which it is charged in the case of industrial companies. A fixed contribution of about Rs. 15,000 per annum may be accepted from the Municipality for the water supplied to the city. The meter system may be abolished and no restriction placed on the owners of houses having service connections in regard to the quantity of water to be consumed. The Kukkarahalli tank water may also be utilized for drinking purposes for